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INTRA-AGENCY SECURITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of

Fourth Meeting  
Room 4 E 64, CIA Headquarters Building  
Friday, 3 September 1971, 1530 Hours

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Acting Chairman  
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING:

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Deputy Director for Intelligence  
Office of General Counsel  
Deputy Director for Support  
Office of Security  
Secretary

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25X1A9a The Intra-Agency Security Committee was convened by the Acting Chairman, Mr. [REDACTED], at 1530 hours on 3 September 1971 in the Office of Security conference room, 4 E 64.

25X1A9a Mr. [REDACTED] requested of the members their changes, comments, and/or recommendations concerning the Agency's comments as set forth in a draft memorandum to the Chairman, Security Review Committee dated 2 September 1971 on that Committee's "Revised Draft of Executive Order 10501," which had previously been furnished the members for their review, as well as a copy of the "Revised Draft of Executive Order 10501."

The Agency's comments provided in the draft of 2 September 1971 were as follows:

"1. We have reviewed your revised draft and pursuant to the request contained in your covering memorandum of 31 August 1971 we offer the following comments."

"2. In the preamble to the revised draft of EO 10501, reference is made to "agents of foreign governments." We recognize that this is a legal term and is meant to include all individuals who represent foreign governments. We feel, however, that friendly foreign governments

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may misconstrue its meaning and assume we are referring to espionage agents and thus infer that they engage in espionage directed against the United States. Therefore we recommend that "agents of" be deleted. The phrase would then read "would necessarily reach foreign governments as well."

"3. We would recommend that the title of Section I be changed from "Classification Categories" to "Security Classification Categories." We do this because Section 5 makes repeated references to security classification."

"4. With reference to Section 3 (d) we would prefer that a transmittal letter be classified in accordance with the present Executive Order for physical security reasons. In making security checks classified documents bearing an unclassified transmittal letter might be overlooked or used as an excuse for not securing classified documents. In addition when documents are delivered to a central mailroom within an agency a classified transmittal letter would readily indicate the need for secure handling and delivery. Otherwise mail clerks would be required either to read the transmittal letter or look at each attachment thereto."

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"5. We have no particular preference between Alternative I and II in Section 4 (a)."

"6. The adverb 'highly' should be deleted from 4 (b) (1) b (iii) since the word 'sensitive' itself establishes a need for special protection."

"7. With reference to subparagraph (b) (4) of Section 4, there appears to be an error in the reference to (4) (c). We do not agree that material classified under the 'Special Categories' provisions should be automatically declassified without prior review. We recommend that the wording be changed as follows:

"All information and material classified pursuant to subsection 4 (c) of this Order shall be reviewed for declassification after 30 years from the date of its original classification if it has not earlier been declassified."

"This change becomes particularly important to us because of the provision of subparagraph (i) (2) a of Section 4. We cannot agree that our Group I classified information can be declassified without prior review."

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"8. The reference in Section 5 (a) should be changed from "(a) (3) of Section 4" to "(a) of Section 4." In addition the reference to subparagraph "(a) (4) of Section 4" should be amended to "(b) of Section 4."

"9. Subparagraph (e) of Section 5 needs clarification. We would suggest that subparagraphs (e) and (f) of the draft prepared by the DOD Working Group be used."

"10. Subparagraph (i) of Section 5 should be amended to include a statement that the front and back covers of bound documents should contain the new classification and reflect cancellation of the old."

"11. The control marking "WARNING NOTICE-SENSITIVE SOURCES AND METHODS INVOLVED" in Section 5 (j) (5) should be amended to "WARNING NOTICE-SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS INVOLVED." Subparagraph (f) of Section 7 should be likewise amended."

"12. We have no choice between Alternate I and Alternate II of Section 10 (d)."

The Office of General Counsel representative, Mr. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that due to the press of other business he did not have

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the opportunity to thoroughly review the Agency's position on the Rehnquist Committee's "Revised Draft of Executive Order 10501." Of substantive note, he felt that the third sentence in paragraph 1 on page 1 was cumbersome, as well as inaccurate.

The sentence read: "The reason for such protection is not that sensitive information would be dangerous or embarrassing in the hands of the country's citizens, but that any dissemination sufficiently wide to reach even a major part of our citizenry would necessarily reach foreign governments as well."

25X1A9a Mr. [REDACTED] pointed out that classified official information has, on occasion, been dangerous in the hands of certain of the country's citizens and suggested that the sentence would more appropriately express its intent if it were to read as follows: "The reason for such protection is that any dissemination sufficiently wide to reach even a major portion of our citizenry would necessarily also reach foreign governments as well."

The Acting Chairman and all members present agreed with Mr.

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The Acting Chairman instructed the secretary to note that the representative of the Deputy Director for Science and Technology,

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representing the

Deputy Director for Plans, both in absentia, had previously con-

curred in the Agency's comments and recommendations pertaining to

the "Revised Draft of EO 10501" submitted by the Rehnquist Committee.

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also concurred in the request of the Office of General

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Counsel representative for Mr. [REDACTED] to further review the "Revised Draft of EO 10501" at greater length and furnish the Acting Chairman with additional comments and recommendations, where appropriate, by Tuesday, 7 September 1971.

Adjournment: 1610 hours.

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